Community Conversations is a peer networking and resource group for entrepreneurs of color who currently own a childcare business or are interested in starting a new childcare business. The group meets nine times over a period of four months to share experiences, engage with Black, Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) community leaders, and work through structural barriers that people of color often face as business owners. Discussion topics include personal finance, access to capital, wealth-building, barriers to childcare facilities/housing, and importantly, healing strategies from lived experiences in historical and racial trauma.

Each Community Conversations participant will work with a First Children’s Finance consultant to design and implement a Financial Action Plan at the conclusion of the sessions, relevant to their childcare business/program. Participants are eligible to apply for forgivable loans to support their Financial Action Plan, which may also serve to enhance credit worthiness for some participants.

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